

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 494

Water Conservation/Automatic Sprinkler Systems
by Senator Bennett

Revises the requirements for automatic lawn sprinkler systems. Requires irrigation contractors to inspect such systems for compliance with requirements for rain or soil-moisture sensor devices or switches and ensure that such systems are in compliance before completing other work on the systems.

Authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules that, at a minimum, provide penalties for a property owner who fails to install the required device, requirements for contractors to report noncomplying systems to the appropriate authority, authority to delegate enforcement of these provisions to water management districts or local governments, and a model ordinance to be used by local governments.

Provides penalties and provides for the disposition of funds raised through penalties imposed. (See bill for details)